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**Goodbye Vietnam  
by Gloria Whelan**

Go to – [www.cajonvalley.net/magnolia](http://www.cajonvalley.net/magnolia)

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**to find the links for this web search.**

1. Go to these websites to research Viet Nam. Describe what village life is like for Mai. How was her life different from yours?

<http://www.geographia.com/vietnam/>

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/vm.html>

<http://www.vietnamtourism.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam>

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2. In the beginning of the book Goodbye Vietnam, the family decides to leave the village. Do you think that was a good decision?

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3. Leaving the past to face a new world is an important theme in the novel. What new experiences does Mai face as she leaves Vietnam?

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4. Check out these websites on the immigration from Vietnam to Hong Kong. What have you learned about this immigration?

<http://www.library.ubc.ca/asian/FinalAsian/Vietnam/Thumb/Vietnam.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boat\\_people](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boat_people)

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5. How is the setting of the boat different than that of Mai's village? How are the two places the same?

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6. Look over these websites about Hong Kong. How is this city different from Mai's village and the boat?

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/login.html>

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/hk.html>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/asia/china/hong-kong/>

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7. Use a map or atlas to find places described or mentioned in the book. Where does the story take place? What geographical feature affects the story?

Go to <http://maps.google.com/> to search the maps there.

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8. Go to:

[http://www.vnstyle.vdc.com.vn/lunar\\_newyear/the\\_meaning\\_of\\_Tet\\_index.htm](http://www.vnstyle.vdc.com.vn/lunar_newyear/the_meaning_of_Tet_index.htm)

Explain Tet? What is your Vietnamese Zodiac sign?

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9. How did the day of Tet lift the spirits on the boat?

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10. Mai finally ends up going to the United States. Is her struggle over? What kinds of challenges will she face there? Write a new final chapter for the novel using Mai as the narrator. What kinds of experiences will she have in the United States? Attach it to this packet.

11. Draw out a diagram of Mai's village, the boat, and Hong Kong. Attach it to this packet.

Bibliography:

Holt, Rinehart and Winston Goodbye Vietnam Study Guide